



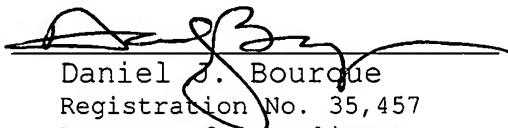
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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98

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FILING OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 37 CFR 1.97

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statement.


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Respectfully submitted,

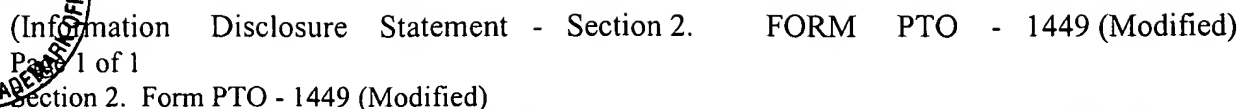
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